

Utes make '72 a records year with Van Galder, Odom, Jensen

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This year's Ute football squad, lead by quarterback Don Van Galder, has achieved the near impossible during the season. During their first two road games, the Utes went down in blazing defeat to Texas Tech and Iowa State.

Following the game in Texas, Head Coach Bill Meek said the team is not going to panic. And they haven't. The Utes now hold first place in the Western Athletic Conference. If their well coordinated offense and defense stand, the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona is well within their reach.

Broken records

As a matter of course, the Utes have tied, broken or jeopardized 25 school football records. For individual games Fleming Jensen has broken the old records for attempted and completed PATs with eight against New Mexico. Quarterback "Brownie" Van Galder has tied the records for the most touchdown passes in a game with four against New Mexico. Steve Odom has tied the kickoff return record of six and tied the record of three touchdown passes caught during one game.

Share honors

Van Galder, Odom and Jensen share record honors for their success in an individual season. With three games left this year, Brownie needs 56 more yards passing to break the 1951 record set by Tom Dublinski of 1418 yards. The present record of 1633 yards total offense will be broken by Van Galder if he can pick up 179 additional yards. He has already broken the record for touchdown passes with 15.

Odom foiled the old touchdown pass receiving record of seven with nine catches to date. He needs three more touchdowns scored to break Larry Wilson's record of 13 from 1959.

Toe of the team

The toe of the team, Jensen, has made 29 PATs to date. This breaks Marv Bateman's record of 25 from 1969. He can break the record of PAT attempts with two tries; this would bring his total to 32.

Four career records have already been changed. Longest pass of 70 yards by Van Galder to Odom breaks a 1957 record of 76 yards. Odom holds honors for the longest punt return of 95 yards. Odom has 62 kickoff returns with 14 games left in his career and the most yards for kickoff returns with 1582.

Van Galder may take the lead for most passing attempts, most completed passes, total offensive plays and most passing yards. Gene

Belczyk, halfback senior, needs 178 yards to take hold of the lead for yards rushing.

The team has broken season

offense records for touchdown passes with 17. The old record of 15 was made in 1967 and tied again in 1971.